

REMARKS

This communication is a full and timely response to the Office Action dated January 7, 2010. Claims 1-11, 13-23, 26-44, 46, 47, 49-57, 59-78, 80, 81, 83-90, 93-112, 114-125, 127-136, and 138-140 remain pending, where claims 12, 45, 79, and 113 were previously canceled. By this communication, claim 137 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the underlying subject matter, and claims 1, 2, 9, 13-18, 21-23, 27, 29, 31, 32, 35, 37, 40, 41, 46, 47, 49, 50, 64, 66, 68, 80, 81, 84, 93-96, 98, 100, 102, 103, 105, 114-116, 118-125, 128, 130, 132, 133, 134, 136, and 140 are amended.

In numbered paragraph 3 on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-11, 13-23, 26-44, 46, 47, 49-57, 59-78, 80, 81, 83-90, 93-112, 114-125 and 127-140 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for alleged indefiniteness. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's diligence, and have amended the claims in an effort to address the stated concerns. Withdrawal of this rejection, therefore, is respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claims 1-11, 13-23, 26-44, 46, 47, 49-57, 59-78, 80, 81, 83-90, 93-112, 114-125, 127-136, and 138-140 contain allowable subject matter. Based on the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that all issues adverse to allowance have been resolved and this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

In the event any unresolved issues remain, the Office is encouraged to
contact Applicants' representative identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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